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SUBJECT: MEDICAL CONSULTATION FOR FORMER PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN

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1. YAHYA KHAN FAMILY TELLS US THAT THEY HAVE INFORMED GOP HEALTH MINISTRY TODAY OF FORMER PRESIDENT'S INABILITY TO MAKE APPOINTMENT AT WALTER REED HOSPITAL IN WASHINGTON ON 9 JUNE BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES CITED REFTEL. WE ARE TOLD THAT FAMILY HAS ASKED HEALTH MINISTRY TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH PAKISTAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO POSTPONE PLANNED CONSULTATION. FAMILY ANTICIPATES FORMER PRESIDENT AND HIS TRAVELLING COMPANIONS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DEPART FOR THE US BEFORE 25 JUNE; THEY HAVE SUGGESTED TO HEALTH MINISTRY THAT TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT BE MADE FOR SOMETIME THE WEEK FOLLOWING.

2. COMMENT: IN DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH US THIS MORNING, MFA DIRECTOR (AMERICAS) INDICATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD A HITCH HAD DEVELOPED WHICH WOULD PROBABLY FORCE POSTPONEMENT, BUT HE URGED THAT WE NOT CANCEL THE 9 JUNE APPOINTMENT UNTIL HE HAS HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS IT ONCE MORE WITH US ON 7 JUNE. WE AGREED WE WOULD TAKE NO ACTION FORMALLY TO POSTPONE CONSULTATION;
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HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT IS PROBABLY A GOOD IDEA TO ALERT WALTER REED ABOUT LIKELIHOOD OF POSTPONEMENT AND COMMITMENT WE HAVE FROM GOP TO CONFIRM A GO/NO-GO DECISION ON MORNING OF THE 7TH ISLAMABAD TIME. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO RAISE WITH DOD (AND WALTER REED) THE POSSIBILITY OF A RENEWED REQUEST FOR THE WEEK OF 26 JUNE, WITH SUGGESTION THAT SOME TIME BE TENTATIVELY BLOCKED OUT FOR THAT EVEN IN ADVANCE OF FORMAL REQUEST ON NEW TIMING.

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